

U.S.: 'Disagreements' don't harm long-standing friendship

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

A State Department spokesman last night, reacting to a firm Cabinet statement issued in Jerusalem yesterday, defending plans to establish three new settlements on the West Bank, stood by previous U.S. statements that the move harms Middle East peace efforts, but added that the "long-standing close and friendly relations" between the U.S. and Israel are not affected by "disagreements" of this type.

Although the Cabinet statement hit back at U.S. criticism of its decision, it also sought to avoid exacerbating the discord with the U.S. The statement said:

"The Cabinet expresses its regret at the unjustified statements made on behalf of the U.S. government by the State Department spokesman concerning the implementation of the decision of April 19, 1977, the establishment of three settlements in Judea and Samaria.

"Israel does not and cannot accept the assertion that settlement by Jews in Eretz Yisrael is illegal.

"The government of Israel reiterates that settlement does not and shall not constitute an obstacle to negotiations for peace treaties."

The State Department spokesman last week blasted the government decision as "unilateral...illegal...creates obstacles to constructive negotiations."

Yesterday's Cabinet statement especially mentioned that the settlement decision was in fact to implement an earlier decision-in-principle taken by the previous Labour-led government. The aim was apparently to show that there is — at least regarding the particular settlements in question — a broad national consensus embracing both Labour and Likud. All three settlements — one south of Hebron, one near Latrun and one just across the green line near Petah Tikva — are close to the pre-1967 border. Some government sources here have argued that they would be within the "minor alterations" of the border line which even the U.S. envisages in a final settlement.

While the Cabinet statement took issue with the American claim of illegality, it did not go on, as it might well have done, to assert that

settlements were not illegal because Judea and Samaria belong to the State of Israel. This assertion has in the past particularly angered Washington. When it was made last Sunday by Cabinet Secretary Arye Naoi, it drew a direct condemnation from the State Department spokesman.

The third paragraph in yesterday's statement, moreover, by rebutting the obstacle-to-negotiation claim, seemed to imply that the ultimate status of the West Bank would be open to negotiation despite the Jewish settlements there.

While this was the reading of some non-government observers, it was not confirmed by an official or semi-official interpretation.

Cabinet Secretary Naoi and other officials refused flatly to add their own interpretations to the statement. Naoi, who has been criticized in the press and apparently within the administration too for his loquaciousness, stuck doggedly to the text of the statement and refused to be drawn into any discussion of its meaning.

The reference to "negotiations for peace treaties" was a deliberate recall of what Premier Begin said, as it seems now, Secretary of State Vance too, consider to have been the basis of the Secretary's Middle East mission: the Arab states' agreement to negotiate and sign peace treaties.

According to a "New York Times" report by diplomatic correspondent Eytan Shalev, Secretary of State Vance, Syria and Jordan said they would sign peace treaties with Israel.

Egypt and Jordan also said they would consider a U.S. proposal that they take up diplomatic relations with Israel, the "Times" correspondent wrote.

Gwertzman wrote that it was the Arab readiness to sign peace treaties that "explain in part the American view that progress in the Arab-Israeli negotiations is possible despite the wide gaps..."

Gwertzman's report was in effect confirmed by sources in Jerusalem yesterday. But these sources warily pointed out that what the Arab states meant by "peace treaties" — particularly what content they proposed to imbue them with — remained to be clarified in the negotiations ahead.

Sudden Dayan trip to UK

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will fly to London this morning for a one-day visit, it was announced yesterday. According to Cabinet Secretary Arye Naoi the purpose of Dayan's sudden trip is two-fold: to brief Anglo-Jewish leaders on the recent Middle East mission of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, and to deal with "matters concerning his ministry."

Naoi said he was "not aware" of any meeting having been arranged between Dayan and Jordan's King Hussein, who is also in London on a private visit.

(Dayan in a weekend press interview noted that there have been direct contacts between the governments of Israel and Jordan over the past 10 years, but said these meetings have not been fruitful.)

According to a source close to Dayan, the foreign minister responded to a special request from Premier

Begin to go to London and explain the latest peace moves to the Jews there. Begin felt, the source said, that just as American Jewish leaders had been briefed by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Chairman of the President's Conference on Jewish Organizations, who came to Israel last week to meet with Begin and Dayan, so too British Jewish leaders deserved a first-hand account of the situation.

Since there is no single roof body representing all Anglo-Jewish organizations on the model of the American Presidents' Conference, the premier had thought it simpler to ask Dayan to go to London than to ask a whole group of British Jewish leaders to come here.

"That's the whole story," said the source close to Dayan.

The decision to send Dayan was so sudden that the minister's chief aide, Nathan Lavie, has not had enough time to arrange affairs to be able to accompany the foreign minister.

Germans continue to shield Kappler

SOLTAU, West Germany. — The mayor of the North German town where Nazi war criminal Herbert Kappler is thought to be hiding said yesterday that many Soltau citizens admired the "courage" of Anniese Kappler, who smuggled her sick husband out of a Rome prison hospital in a trunk last week.

A German newspaper meanwhile reported that the escape was engineered by other former members of mass-killer Heinrich Himmler's SS. Kappler, 70, a former lieutenant colonel in the fanatical Nazi SS and Gestapo secret-police chief of Rome, was serving a life prison sentence for the World War II reprisal shootings of 335 Roman civilian hostages.

Mayor Jochen Rothardt, who recently broke away from the conservative Christian Democrats to form his own Conservative Party, the Free Union, said the population in his town decried "the manhunt staged by numerous papers, television programmes and leftist groups"

in the past few days.

Rothardt said he was unable to confirm Kappler's whereabouts. But German authorities meanwhile continued to provide a police guard to shield the war criminal from alleged terrorist attacks and from reporters besieging Wilhelmstrasse 6, the home and office of his 53-year-old wife.

(She married the former Gestapo chief in a prison ceremony five years ago.)

Rothardt described Kappler as a "humanitarian problem." To his way of thinking, there was no sense in continuing his prison term. "He has atoned and repented and he is critically ill," Rothardt said.

The flight was planned and prepared by former members of the SS. One of them, an Austrian, was an officer of the SS security service in Rome during the war.

The newspaper said it is believed that Kappler and his wife travelled to Germany from Italy by way of Austria.

Italian authorities after the escape wondered if Odessa, an organization of former SS men often accused of helping top Nazis escape from justice, had been involved.

The West German authorities are turning a cold shoulder to a demand for Kappler's return on the grounds that the Bonn constitution bars the extradition of Germans to foreign countries.

He contacted the German trade-union movement and asked them to protest their government's attitude toward the Nazi war criminal.

"Trade union leaders who spent time in concentration camps should understand the feelings of Israeli workers about Kappler not only being free in Germany but also being protected by German police," Meshel said.

Yesterday, Nazi sympathizers claimed responsibility for a bomb which exploded outside the Italian consulate late Saturday night, an Italian embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman said the explosion, which occurred shortly before midnight, had damaged the consulate's main door and broke a number of windows. Two broadsheets were found yesterday in the embassy's mailbox with the following message written in German: "Solidarity with Kappler," signed "SS-France."

In Italy's southern province of Calabria, two petrol stations belonging to the West German Aira company were blown up yesterday. There were no casualties.

A few hours later an anonymous telephone caller told the Italian news agency Ansa in Naples that the attacks were carried out by the "New Partisan Movement" to protest at Kappler's flight.

In Vienna, Nazi slogans were painted on the entrance gate, the ceremonial hall and some of the 40 grave stones of Vienna's downtown Jewish temple, police reported. Some of the slogans said "Out with the Jews."

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Shah slows down plans to become great power

Washington Post News Service

The Iranian Government, in a major backdown from its ambitious economic expansion, has announced that it will sharply curtail its massive \$500 million programme of industrial development.

The announcement, made by newly appointed Premier Jamshid Amouzegar in a speech to parliament last week, represents a significant shift in priorities in Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's plans to make the oil-rich country one of the most advanced in the world by the end of the century.

The premier gave no reason for the move. But it was apparently tied to the inability of Iran's economy to absorb the annual 20-per-cent growth rate of recent years.

A diplomatic source in Washington said he expects the rate to slow to about seven per cent in the next five-year plan (starting next year). He added that it was a case of Iran's "biting off more than it could chew."

There was no indication, however, that Iran plans to reduce significantly its massive \$100 billion programme of arms procurement, largely from the U.S.

The cutback announced by the premier involves a basic shift by Iran away from nationalized industry to the encouragement of private industry — although there is some question whether Iran's private businesses are strong enough economically to assume the burden in heavy industry.

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The 11th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party was held in Peking from August 12 to August 18. Chairman Hua Guofeng presided. Here the Chairman is pictured as he was confirmed in his post while being praised as the "wise leader who can take China triumphantly into the 21st century."

Burg unit to study findings on conflicts of interest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday set up an ad hoc committee of ministers to study the Asher Committee's recommendations on the problem of financial conflicts of interest on the part of ministers and deputy ministers.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg will chair the committee of ministers; its other two members are Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich. The Cabinet also co-opted Attorney-General Prof. Aharon Barak to the committee.

Prof. Barak told the Cabinet that, from the formal point of view, the Cabinet is free to accept all the Asher Committee's recommendations, or some of them, or none at all. (The recommendations have not been published.) However, he said, the Asher Committee did manage to strike a balance between the desire to have the Cabinet consist entirely of altruistic persons and the need to have ministers with worldly experience. One cannot pick and choose from among its recommendations, as this balance would be destroyed.

But, he went on, the Cabinet is free to adjust the point of the balance — not every democratic country adopts the same strictness on this question.

Whatever the Cabinet decides, he warned, would be of far-reaching significance as it would bind not only future governments, but the entire public service.

The committee of ministers has no time limit for its deliberations, but according to Cabinet Secretary Arye Naoi "it will move fast, in the new tradition of the Likud-led government."

Premier Menachem Begin, the only other person who spoke on this item of the agenda apart from Prof. Barak, proposed the names of the three ministerial candidates.

The Asher Committee reportedly urged that strict limitations be placed on ministers and deputy ministers' financial and commercial interests as well as on transfers to family members after politicians are appointed to high posts.

The Knesset Law Committee intends to discuss the issue of conflicts of interest too, and its chairman David Glass intends to convey the opinions of his body to the committee of ministers.

Fahmy, Eilts, reportedly confer on territories, PLO

Jerusalem Post Staff

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday reportedly conferred with U.S. ambassador to Cairo Herman Eilts on Israel's recent policy moves in the administered territories.

Fahmy and Eilts were also believed to have touched on the Palestine Liberation Organization's response to calls for its acceptance of UN Security Council resolution 242. Fahmy had earlier met with the PLO representative in Cairo, Sa'eed Kamal.

The PLO's 56-man Central Committee is scheduled to meet in Damascus next Thursday to review those calls. So far there has been a

flurry of conflicting reports on the PLO's stand.

Some reports said that the PLO is urging Arab states to seek a new Security Council resolution acknowledging the "right of the Palestinian people" to set up an independent state or "homeland" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Such a resolution would make a reference to resolution 242, which has been governing peace negotiations in the Middle East, the reports said.

Other reports said that the PLO plans to issue a statement "accepting" 242 with reservations, "pending the recognition of the right of the Palestinians to establish their own homeland 'on their own soil'."

'Time' says hardliners joining PLO in mutual recognition bid with Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A Palestinian group which until now has opposed peace with Israel at any price has recently decided to go along with the Palestine Liberation Organization on the goal of attaining a limited Palestinian state and mutual recognition with Israel, according to the forthcoming issue of "Time" magazine.

"Time" calls the agreement "a big if unheralded step toward

peace," and says that it came about through negotiations in Beirut inspired by Soviet diplomats.

The magazine states that with the apparent acquiescence of hardline "rejectionists," presumably including George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the PLO is now planning a publicity blitz focusing on Israel as the main obstacle to a Middle East settlement.

Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO, (Continued on page 3, Col. 7)

Gunmen kill 11 at Lebanese church mass

BEIRUT (UPI). — Christian rightists and Muslim leftist followers of the late Kamal Jumblatt battled in a central hill town near Jumblatt's birthplace late yesterday after a "cold-blooded massacre" of 11 Christians outside a requiem mass, rightist officials said.

The reports said Lebanon's Syrian-dominated Arab peacekeeping force had moved into positions around the town of Brieih in a bid to keep the clashes from expanding into open sectarian war that raged for 18 months before the peacekeeping force entered the country late last year.

"The peacekeeping forces are still surrounding Brieih and clashes are still going on," the right-wing Phalangist radio reported last night. Later, a police spokesman said that at least 17 people were killed and many wounded in the sudden flare-up of fighting. He said most of the casualties occurred when the Arab League peace force intervened to stop the fighting, and had to rocket the village of Brieih.

There was no immediate explanation of what had triggered the massacre outside a Brieih church yesterday afternoon. The violence came almost five months to the day after Jumblatt was assassinated, sparking a killing spree by his Druse followers in which 250 Christians were reportedly killed near Jumblatt's birthplace, the town of Moukhtara, some 30 km. from Brieih.

At least 21 other persons were injured in what rightist radio reports called "a cold-blooded massacre," the officials said.

They charged the attack came only hours after leftist snipers opened fire on Christians in another village some 10 km. south of Brieih. A Phalangist radio official in contact with Brieih said witnesses identified one of the Brieih gunmen as "local Druse villagers." He said it was not yet clear how many gunmen had been involved.

The mass was for a Christian physician reported to have been killed in a misunderstanding with Arab peacekeeping troops at a checkpoint south of Beirut on the road to Sidon.

There was no immediate explanation from rightist officials as to what might have prompted the massacre. Rightist radio reports said top leaders of the Phalangist and National Liberal parties — allied during the war — were meeting in a bid to contain the incident and keep it from sparking widespread violence.

The officials said the electricity was suddenly cut during the afternoon requiem service. When a group of men gathered outside the church to investigate, the leftist gunmen "opened fire from all sides," the rightist officials said.

Christian rightist militiamen and leftists backed by Palestinian terrorists regularly carried out sectarian massacres in the civil war before the Arab peacekeeping force imposed a fragile truce last year. Phalangist radio referred to the gunmen as "saboteurs and socialists," a reference to

Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party, chief Lebanese ally of the Palestinians during the civil war.

Meanwhile, South Lebanon's top Muslim religious leader yesterday said the embattled frontier region near Israel was the most likely flashpoint for an Israeli-triggered fifth Middle East war.

But Imam Mousa Sadr, leader of the Shiite Muslim group that comprises the great majority of the south's population, said the area was also the most likely catalyst for a "confrontation" between U.S. and Israeli policy.

"A fifth war is very unlikely to start on any of the other Arab-Israeli fronts," Sadr said in an interview in the English-language Weekly Monday Morning released to foreign news agencies yesterday.

But he said Israel's contention its artillery backing of Christian rightist forces fighting Palestinians in the south is to protect them from a "sea of Moslems" might be used as a pretext to start a Middle East war in south Lebanon.

"Israel cannot start a war on any Arab front except on the Lebanese border, if it manages to make the world swallow its protection-of-Christians claim," Sadr said.

He also argued South Lebanon was the most likely point for a clash between American and Israeli policy, saying that although Israel has many people to defend it in the American Congress, its activities in South Lebanon are not being defended by anybody.

"In other words," Sadr said, "while South Lebanon is the spot where a Middle Eastern war is most likely to start, it is also the spot where an Israeli-American (policy) confrontation is most likely to develop."

Relative quiet in south Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Relative quiet was observed yesterday in the enclaves of the Lebanese forces north of Metulla. Some fire exchanges took place in the early morning and during the evening, especially in the area of Metulla.

Lebanese arriving at the Good Fence yesterday said that the enclave was shelled by heavy guns on Saturday night and two soldiers were wounded. They also said that electricity, supplied for a few hours daily from Nabatiya, is cut off by terrorists during Israeli news broadcasts.

Meanwhile, acting Mayor of Kiryat Shmona Shmuel Ohana sent a telegram to yesterday's cabinet session. The message, addressed to Prime Minister Begin, said that the Kiryat Shmona municipality is closely watching developments in south Lebanon and called upon the Israeli government not to surrender to any outside pressures on this matter. The terrorists must be forced to leave the area, it said, adding the government must emphasize that "the problem concerns not only our brothers in south Lebanon but also our own settlements."

West Bank group to contest PLO's leadership claim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A small group of young West Bank intellectuals are currently trying to set up a political faction which aims at challenging the Palestine Liberation Organization's claim to being the sole representatives of Palestinian Arabs in the administered territories.

The group vehemently oppose the PLO leadership controlled by Yasser

Arafat. They blame him for plunging the Palestinians in bloody strife in Arab countries and for failure to safeguard the Palestinians' political interests.

The head of the group is a lawyer who recently conferred with the commander of the Palestine Liberation Army units stationed in Jordan, Col. Nihad Nussleibeh. The lawyer and his colleagues are withholding their names for the time being. The PLA command itself is opposed to the Arafat-controlled PLO leadership.

The new West Bank group remains far from being influential, but it certainly serves as yet another sign of the growing erosion in West Bank identification with the PLO.

Support in the administered territories is increasing for the Jordanian call to self-determination in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Jordan advocates close links with Amman and the promotion of a Palestinian entity independent of the PLO.

Beit Jalla mayor arrested for attack on police

BETT JALLA (Him). — The mayor of Beit Jalla and three councillors were arrested yesterday for attacking police during a routine search in the town. They were held for questioning, charged and later released.

The incident occurred when a squad of Israeli and local policemen, on a routine patrol of the town just south of Jerusalem, ordered a youth out of a coffee-house to be searched for hashish. The youth's father, a former member of the Jordanian Parliament, lost his temper and pushed one of the policemen.

This sparked off a vicious attack on the policemen as local people crowded round and began striking them. Four policemen were hurt and required medical treatment.

Among the assailants arrested were Mayor Daoud Meshara and the three councillors. The mayor later apologized to the town's military governor for the incident.

Herzog rejects charges over West Bank

NEW YORK (JTA). — Israel's UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog, yesterday strongly rejected the charge that the establishment of Jewish settlements on the West Bank are an "obstacle to peace."

In a speech scheduled to be delivered last night at the 63rd annual national convention of Hadasah Herzog declared that the "obstacle to peace is the Arab refusal to recognise the Jewish people's right to sovereignty in its ancient homeland. The obstacle to peace is an implacable Arab refusal to recognize Israel, to negotiate with Israel, to make peace with Israel."

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, Ramat Gan Mayor Israel Feibel and senior IDF officers addressed a reception held at Ramat Gan's Beit Elzohar last night on the eve of the annual "Paratrooper Day" organized by the city, which has adopted the paratroopers.

The rescue of Jews at the end of World War II will be the topic, (in English), this evening at the Hebrew University Forum, Tuesday, August 22, at 8 p.m. at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Rehov Agmon, Jerusalem.

The South African Zionist Federation Luncheon Club will meet on Thursday, August 25, at 1 o'clock at the Sinal Hotel, 11 Trumpeldor, Tel Aviv. Speaker: Haim Yaron of Israel Television's news department. Subject: Questions and Answers about Israel TV - Mainly the News. Reservations 03-290131. Lunch IL25 per head. Come early.

DEPARTURES

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres, for Montreal, to give a series of lectures for the United Jewish Appeal.

Pinhas Eliav, Deputy Chief of Israel's UN Mission, back to New York after consultations here.

Lawyers agree to out-of-court testimony

The Bar Association has come round to supporting a proposal that statements given to the police by potential witnesses in underworld cases be admissible as evidence. In court, its president, Yitzhak Tumbak said last night, according to Israel Radio.

The proposal has arisen in view of the increasing number of threats-and violence - to witnesses to crimes to prevent their testifying in court. A number of suspects, strongly believed by the police to be dangerous criminals, have been acquitted owing to the failure of prosecution witnesses to testify against them in court, out of fear.

Sapir memorial

KFAR SAVA (Itim). - A memorial gathering took place at the Yad Lebanon hall here last night to mark the second anniversary of the death of former finance minister Pinhas Sapir.

The gathering was attended by former prime ministers Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, Knesset members Abba Eban and Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Israel Bank Governor Arnon Gafny, and representatives of the Histadrut, the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Agency, the Treasury and the Kfar Sava Municipality.

Salute to Rumania

Rumania enjoys special sympathy among the Israeli public, regardless of political affiliation. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir yesterday told a dinner at the Tel Aviv Museum honouring the 33rd anniversary of Rumania's liberation from the Germans.

The Knesset speaker told the audience, which included Rumanian Ambassador Ion Kovachi, that the sympathy is due not only to the large number of former Rumanians in Israel but to the Rumanians' stubborn insistence on their independence.

Bonn ambassador due

Jerusalem Post Reporter

West Germany's new ambassador to Israel, Klaus Schuetz, is scheduled to arrive today at Ben-Gurion Airport, where he will be met by the Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol, Rehavam Amir, the West German Charge d'Affaires Miss Christl Steffler, and members of the West German Embassy staff.

Tension after fatal feud in Arab village

JENIN (Itim). - Police and security forces patrolled the streets of the large village of Kabatiya, near here, yesterday following a fatal clash between two local clans on Saturday.

One person was killed and 17 others were injured in the clash - the second this year - between the two clans, which are at logger-heads over the village council elections. Several persons were killed and injured in the earlier clash a few months ago.

Crime panel will only whitewash— Nahmias

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shmuel ("Sam") Nahmias, former police intelligence chief, charged yesterday that the Bochner Committee was set up merely to assuage public opinion and would only "do a whitewash job."

In an article in "Yediot Aharanot," Nahmias noted that he had not been invited to appear before the committee. The panel was appointed on August 4 by Police Inspector General Haim Tavori, who requested it to complete its work within two weeks.

Nahmias resigned his post in early June, after Tavori rejected his plan to establish an independent unit to fight serious crime.

He says in his article that the data the Bochner Committee is now gathering on organized crime actually were collected by the intelligence branch in National Police Headquarters over the past year. A summary of the data was presented to one police high command, together with the recommendation of the establishment of a special unit.

The appointment of the Bochner Committee constituted turning back the clock, Nahmias said. Valuable weeks would be wasted in debating the nature of organized crime, instead of getting down to action.

Asked to comment on the Nahmias article, the spokesman at National Police Headquarters said last night that a reaction would be forthcoming. He added, however, that the "mapping" of serious crime that the Bochner Committee had been asked to do was something that was done

periodically, since the crime situation was not static.

The spokesman dismissed as "nonsense" the report in yesterday's "Yediot Aharanot" that the Bochner Committee would "apparently" recommend the establishment of a national unit to fight organized crime, along the lines proposed by Nahmias.

Under the committee's terms of reference, the spokesman said, it was to report on the nature and extent of serious crime. It had not been requested to recommend any course of action. In any case, the committee was still in the midst of its work and had not yet crystallized its conclusions.

Interior Minister Josef Burg said last week that if, after reading the Bochner Committee report, he concluded that there was need for a committee of inquiry, he would oppose the appointment of a parliamentary committee, where the matter would likely become a political football. Instead, he would urge the establishment of a judicial committee of inquiry.

Dr. Burg also rejected criticism expressed by the Chairman of the Bar Association, Yitzhak Tumbak, against Rav-Nitzav Tavori, for his remarks before the Knesset Interior Committee last Tuesday.

Tumbak had apparently based his condemnation of Tavori on incorrect newspaper reports, Burg said. He himself had read the stenographic record of Tavori's remarks and had not found that he had blamed the courts for the growth of serious crime.

Ministry official charged with taking bribes from olim

TEL AVIV (Itim). - An Absorption Ministry official was charged yesterday with taking bribes from new immigrants to enable them to obtain loans to which they were entitled anyway.

Kurt Zimmerman, an assistant to the director general of the ministry's general department, was also charged with running a private law practice while working for the ministry, an act which allegedly constituted a clash of interests.

The prosecution claimed that Zimmerman, who served on the committee charged with approving loan requests submitted by new immigrants, received clients in his private law office and in exchange for a fee of between IL200 and IL700 provided them with documents which enabled them to receive their loans from the Absorption Ministry. The sum involved allegedly totals some IL4,500, collected from new immigrants since 1973.

No date has been set for the trial.

Yadlin asks court to reject civil suit

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Asher Yadlin, the former Kupat Holim head now serving a five-year prison sentence for bribe-taking and tax evasion, yesterday asked the Tel Aviv District Court to reject out of hand the suit filed against him by the sick fund for the return of the IL124,000 he had taken in bribes.

Yadlin said that the money he had received from attorney Haim Goshen during 1973-76 while Goshen was retained by Kupat Holim and from his friend, real-estate broker Hava Ehrlichman, for information about a Kupat Holim land purchase, were

not bribes, and neither did they legally belong to the sick fund.

He noted that the properties involved in the deals with Goshen and Ehrlichman did not directly belong to Kupat Holim - so he could not properly be accused of taking bribes as a civil servant.

He further presented the legal argument that the verdict in a criminal case could not be presented as evidence in a civil suit.

Yadlin's request was filed with the court registrar, who will have to decide whether he will be allowed to appear in court to contest the suit.

Crime report

RED-HANDED. - Two young burglars were caught red-handed on Saturday night as they tried to break into a Tel Aviv shirt shop. Police told the Magistrate's Court, where David Ben-Yar and Eilahu Cozari were ordered to stand for 10 days yesterday, that the two burglars were caught by a policeman while trying to chisel a hole through the wall of the shop.

FREE-LOADER. - Oswald Blum was remanded for 15 days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on suspicion of running out on bills at two of the city's hotels. Police claimed that Blum, of no fixed address, skipped the Dan Hotel without paying a IL6,195 bill, before running out on a smaller bill of IL418 at the Marina Hotel. He was released from prison a month ago, after serving a sentence for similar offences.

UNWILLING WITNESS. - The key eyewitness to a murder in the Shatila Prison two years ago was charged in the Nazareth District Court yesterday with retracting his statement to the police. Raphael Laloush had originally signed a statement that he had personally seen fellow inmate inmate Yosef Yaron stab to death Nizim Shavani on 6 August 1976. He later retracted this statement, saying he had not seen the murder and did not remember what he had said in his statement.

SUPERMARKET FRAUD. - A bread delivery-man was remanded for five days by order of the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on suspicion of defrauding a Nahalat Yitzhak supermarket with the cooperation of the supermarket storeman. Yosef Zalout is alleged to have sold the storeman IL600 a week not to count the number of loaves he delivered - which was allegedly some 20 per cent short of the number ordered. The prosecution told the court that in this way Zalout had made IL1,300 in three weeks.

Blood-feud suspects have remand extended

ASHKELON (Itim). - The Magistrate's Court here yesterday ordered that seven members of the Abu-Rejeik clan, of Tel Sheva village near Beersheba, be remanded for a further seven days while police continue investigating a violent blood-feud in the village.

The seven men are suspected of having been responsible for serious material damage to the property of the rival Abu-Taha clan and also for injuries to clan members - one of whom is still in hospital.

The judge asked the prosecution to prepare charges within the seven days, fearing that the situation would be aggravated if the remanded men returned to their village before the trial started.

GAMBLING EXTORTION. - Two men were charged in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday with using violence and threats to extort money from a victim who, they claimed, had reneged on a gambling debt. Shuta Michaelshvili and Simon Wnachovsky are alleged to have ambushed Mordechai Konahevill on his way to work in Lod earlier this month. They allegedly demanded IL10,000 from him and beat him in the face. They ambushed him again on the way home from work, threatening him this time with a knife and a revolver - even firing shots in the air - the prosecution claimed. The two suspects were released on IL35,000 bail each.

DRUG WAR. - Twenty-five small-time drug pushers have been arrested in the past two weeks and some six kilos of hashish and a quarter-kilo of opium have been seized in the police southern-district's current war on drug dealers - Nit-zav Arye Ivizan, Southern District Commander, said in Jerusalem yesterday.

U.S. Jupiter space probe working 'almost normally'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuter). - The Voyager II spacecraft, was operating almost normally yesterday after initial problems with a boom controlling television cameras and scientific ex-

periments, a space agency official said.

Herbert Bridge, a scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Agency, said: "Test experiments show that the science boom is fully deployed. That means it is within five degrees of its normal position."

Shortly after the Saturday launching it had been feared that the boom, carrying two television cameras and three scientific experiments, had not deployed at all. All other systems of the \$500m. spacecraft appeared to be working properly, Nasa said.

The main objective of the 2,085 kilo Voyager II and a sister ship to be launched later is to send back photographs and information from Jupiter and Saturn that scientists hope will reveal secrets of the origin of the universe.



People of all ages participate in an exercise-to-music programme organized by the Tel Aviv Municipality. The beach activity takes place three times weekly at 6.30 in the morning.

Ehrlich to visit U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich will visit the U.S. early in September, his first visit there as Finance Minister.

Gidon Patt, Construction and Housing Minister, will replace Ehrlich during his absence.

Ehrlich will also attend an International Monetary Fund board meeting. There he will meet his German counterpart, Hans Appel, to plan Ehrlich's visit to Germany.

It is expected that Ehrlich will also meet the U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal to discuss American aid to Israel.

Ehrlich will also report on the economic policies of the government to the International Israel Bonds Fall Leadership Conference, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from September 9 to 11.

Sneh to join underground stamp series

The late Moshe Sneh, who moved through much of the Zionist and Israeli political spectrum before ending his career as a Communist Knesset Member, is to appear on a postage stamp issued in the "Leaders of the Underground" series.

The Cabinet announced this decision yesterday. Dr. Sneh, a physician by training and one of the Knesset's "most effective orators," served as commander of Hagana's national headquarters before Israel's independence.

Earlier this month, the other underground leaders whose memory will be marked in the stamp series were named. They included the late David Raziel, commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi; the late Avraham "Yair" Stern, commander of Lohamey Herut Yisrael (Lehy, or Stern Group); the late Eliahu Golomb, commander of the Hagana; and the late Yitzhak Sadeh, commander of the Palmach.

A Cabinet source told The Jerusalem Post last night: "The omission of the late Dr. Sneh was an oversight. Premier Begin, who admitted this yesterday, noted that Sneh had held his Hagana job during the period when the Hagana and the Irgun Zvai Leumi were cooperating."

Women saved from quicksand

JERICHO (Itim). - An impromptu rescue team of passers-by and police yesterday pulled two exhausted Jerusalem women from quicksand into which they had blundered while bathing at the northern end of the Dead Sea.

The women, Matilda Levin and Leah Mossaloff, had gone to the Lido beach at the head of the Sea to bathe, but wandered off beyond the permitted area into the neighbouring swamp. Their cries as the quicksand began sucking them down attracted passers-by, who rushed to their aid and called police. After considerable effort in the blazing heat, the women were rescued and treated for exhaustion.

Judea police commander Yehuda Shashtel yesterday repeated a warning to bathers not to enter bathing areas at the northern end of the Dead Sea. He noted that a bather from Bnei Brak was drowned in the quicksand there not long ago, and that his body was extricated only after great effort.

Royal announces cut in coffee prices

TEL AVIV. - The first company to announce a cut in the price of coffee is the Royal Instant Coffee Company. The company announced that as of yesterday the price has been lowered by eight per cent. The 50-gram tin has been cut from IL13.33 to IL12.27, and the 200-gram tin from IL49.51 to IL45.33, without VAT.

Labour to unveil settlement plan

TEL AVIV. - Labour Party Spokesman Israel Peleg said yesterday that his party this week would unveil its programme for settlement, one which he said would not interfere with any of the heavily populated areas in the West Bank.

Peleg criticised the Likud government's policies of settlement and extension of services in the administered areas, saying they were leading the country toward a bi-national state.

Benvenisti admits giving Mamilla plan to press

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti said yesterday that copies of a plan to preserve the Mamilla district were distributed to the press at his direction.

Mayor Teddy Kollek had ordered disciplinary action last week against any municipal employees found responsible for its distribution. The municipal spokesman said at the time, however, that such action would not be relevant against an elected official.

Benvenisti said yesterday that it was common procedure to distribute position papers drawn up by the City Planning Department before they

are approved as plans. He said he had taken his action regarding the Mamilla preservation plan following a meeting last week with City Engineer Amnon Niv in Kollek's office on the official Mamilla proposal by Moshe Safdie.

According to Benvenisti, Niv thought the urban renewal approach followed by the Safdie plan was unfeasible.

"I thought this was precisely the point where an alternative approach should be discussed," said Benvenisti. "This is a dilemma not just for the local council but for the people of Jerusalem. I want this philosophy (preservation as opposed to urban renewal) discussed."

Israelis still the world's leading chicken-eaters

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Israelis continue to hold the world's record in consumption of poultry and eggs. Y. Acoov Doron, the managing director of the Poultry Marketing Board, told newsmen here yesterday.

Doron said that the consumption of eggs in Israel is about 1.5 billion per year. The average Israeli eats about 420 eggs per year.

Israelis also consume about 120,000 tons of chicken and 30,000 tons of turkey per year.

Doron said the Board was trying to clamp down on farmers who over-produced. He believed that one of the methods might be to ease out "freelance" farmers. He said the policy would be something like that which Moshe Dayan, as Minister of Agriculture, had carried out years ago concerning the dairy industry. At that time cow owners were compensated for reducing milk production.

The PMB outlined difficulties that face poultry producers in having to keep within quotas and not over-produce. The main sufferers of this policy are the small egg producers in the coastal area, who have quotas which do not allow them to make a living. Poultry farmers in the hilly region near Jerusalem and in the north have similar problems.

Johanan Daniel, the president of the Mevo'ot Jerusalem Collective Farmers' Marketing Organization, told The Post that on top of these problems the decision to cut down on loans comes as a blow to the poultry farmers in the hilly regions.

Daniel told newsmen that if this credit is cut off, he feared that about 80 per cent of the poultry farmers would have to stop working.

He pointed out that at present the poultry farmers in his marketing organization owed the PMB IL180m. Of this, IL120m. was for loans.

Gaza health services grew 4,268% since '67

By ZVI ABENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. - A report issued recently by the Gaza military government shows that health services to local residents have been constantly increasing over the past 10 years. The budget has grown from a little over IL2m. in 1967/68 to over IL31m. this year - an increase of 4,268 per cent.

An additional IL5.5m. in the current budget is designated for development projects. There was no funding in this area 10 years ago. There is an increase of over 50 doctors employed here today, as well as almost 600 additional medical and supportive personnel.

At Gaza's Shifa Hospital, a new maternity ward with 70 beds, a nephrology clinic (including four ar-

tificial kidneys) and an ear, nose and throat clinic have been added since 1967. At the Nasr Children's Hospital, 135 new beds have been added in various departments. X-ray facilities have been inaugurated at Shifa, Nasr, El-Arsh and El-Breij Hospitals.

A school for practical nurses was opened at Shifa Hospital, which has thus far graduated over 260 male and female nurses. In addition, over 100 medical technicians were trained at other Gaza Strip hospitals.

Mother-and-child clinics have been opened in 14 different locations from Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip to the Masura Beduin encampment in the Strip's southern extremes. Eight new general medical

Kibbutz movement donates to charity to free its ship

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Kibbutz Menhad Movement has paid a IL12,000 "ransom donation" and sent a letter of apology to the Marine Officers' Union, as conditions for getting one of its ships out of port.

According to the union, the manager of the kibbutz's movement, Yehoshua Shapir, had insisted Union secretary Yosef Pini during an argument last week over berth for officers' families. As a result, the Union decided that it would not permit the vessel Hehalutz to sail until Maimon had apologized in writing and had made a penalty donation of IL12,000 to the Ilan Society for Crippled Children.

Maimon admitted having lost his temper and calling Pini a "mafioso," but maintained that the Union was completely at fault for the argument. For that reason, Maimon refused to apologize or to make the donation.

The issue was deadlocked until the Kibbutz Movement stepped in, tendering the apology and making the donation.

Histadrut parley switched back to Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Histadrut convention, which was scheduled to be held in Jerusalem in October, has been rescheduled for November and will move to Tel Aviv after the official opening at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'oma convention centre. This was announced at the weekly meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee here yesterday.

The head of the Histadrut's organization department, Aharon Harel, explained that the change in plans was prompted by technical considerations, such as the need to provide accommodation for delegates.

Ironically, the decision comes only a few days after Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek sent a telegram to Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel congratulating the labour federation on its decision to hold its entire convention in Jerusalem and expressing the hope that other organizations would do the same.

The convention will open in Jerusalem on November 5.

Shechterman to submit plan to revamp Herut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Prime Minister Menachem Begin is expected to discuss U.S.-Israel relations tonight at the Herut Central Committee meeting.

The meeting of 691 Committee members is being convened to approve a 55-man party executive submitted by executive chairman Abraham Shechterman. He will submit his plan for reorganizing Herut's structure in keeping with its new status as a government party. It will include a new External Relations Department for contacts with Conservative and Christian Democratic parties abroad.

Price hike compensation set for January wage agreements

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Compensation for the price rises resulting from the economic measures taken by the government last month will be included in the new wage agreements to be signed in January, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel told the Histadrut Central Committee here yesterday.

The new wage agreements will begin earlier than scheduled in the hope that the new wage scales in industry will be agreed upon and put into effect by January, with the special compensation included in the new wages.

Meshel reminded the Committee that only a third of the price increases will be reflected in the Cost-of-Living payment due in October. The other two-thirds would not be compensated for until the April, 1978 Cost-of-Living payment, but Meshel said the Histadrut will not wait that long.

Instead, he said, negotiations on

Though these agreements will cover industrial workers only, Meshel said that Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich had promised him that the compensation given to production workers would also be given to public service workers.

During this discussion, the Central Committee expressed its approval of a statement issued last week by Trade Union Department Chairman Uriel Abramowitz endorsing the agreement on a five-day work week at Israel Aviation Industries starting next month.

Blood pressure project in Haifa

HAIFA (Itim). - A blood-pressure testing project that will last two months was opened here yesterday. The project, the first of its kind in the country, was organized by the local branch of Magen David Adom.

Two ambulances with two crews of doctors are stationed daily for 12 hours in two different locations where members of the public can have their blood pressures taken. Those found to have high blood pressure are sent for medical examinations.

The purpose of the project is to step up the public's awareness of the dangers of high blood pressure when left untreated, the director of Magen David Adom's Haifa branch, Haim Gershon, said yesterday.

Israeli newsmen protest

TEL AVIV. - The National Union of Israeli Journalists has cabled protests to the South African authorities at the detention of Joseph Talulu, president of the African Journalists Union in South Africa. Talulu was arrested in March while working on the daily "World," and is being held in solitary confinement in Pietermaritzburg prison.

T.A. toy fair opens

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A toys and games fair, organized by Tel Aviv Municipality, opened on Saturday night in Kikar Malchei Yisrael.

Forty-three multi-coloured pavilions are exhibiting various toys and games, with the emphasis being on those that are educational.

Galilee pioneer dies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - Yeheskel Brandstadter, veteran Galilee farmer and a founder of Yavne'el village, was laid to rest in his village yesterday. He died on Friday, aged 87.

The funeral was attended by veteran settlers from the Galilee. The deceased was eulogized by two sons-in-law, Rehavam Amir, chief of protocol of the Foreign Ministry, and Professor David Amiran, an Israeli Press laureate.

Arnold Golembo, 63

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. - Hundreds of mourners attended the funeral yesterday of Arnold Golembo, chairman of the South African Revisionist Party and a member of the board of honorary officers of the South African Zionist Federation.

Golembo, 63, one of the founders of the Revisionist movement in Latvia and subsequently in South Africa, had died while on a visit to New York.

'Time' says

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will press this point at the UN next month with a resolution that will call for recognition of Israel in exchange for solid guarantees of a Palestinian state.

The resolution, still being drafted in Beirut, will use some of the same language U.S. President Jimmy Carter used in March in calling for a Palestinian homeland. It will also accept UN resolution 242 of 1967, which would have traded a return to pre-war borders for Israel's right to exist within defensible boundaries, "Time" reports.

We regret to announce that the death has taken place in London of

NELLY MARIA MONIC

after a brief illness.

The Family:
Lea Ben Dor
Ze'ev and Mary E. Sufott
Arye (Leo) and Hava Eylon

PM to study plan for two-stage conversions

By JUDY SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is considering a possible solution to the conversion dispute — this one proposed by Rabbi Charles Weinberg, a former leader of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America and now an adviser to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

According to the proposal, The Jerusalem Post has learned, persons abroad who wish to convert would, after a period of preparation by their Conservative or Reform rabbi, come to Israel for several more months and be converted here.

Since Israel is a focus of interest among American Jews, and young people routinely spend months here to study, the conversion programme should be acceptable to the community, said Weinberg.

Goren has not yet commented on his adviser's proposal.

The possibility of establishing a new American rabbinical tribunal on conversions representing all three Jewish trends will undoubtedly be discussed at Begin's first meeting with eight Conservative and Reform rabbis this morning. It will be a continuation of the two-hour session he held with them last week and another meeting with some of them in New York last month. Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abutatzra and Interior Minister Yosef Burg will also attend.

Goren told the Conservative and Reform rabbis that he would not comment on the tribunal scheme, because it is up to American Orthodox scholars like Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveichik.

The tribunal proposal is an old idea that was torpedoed 23 years ago by ultra-Orthodox rabbis, according to Rabbi Wolfe Keilman, vice-president of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly.

Keilman told The Jerusalem Post that the modern Orthodox movement once agreed to participate in a three-man court that would lay down standards for Jewish divorces. The body was very similar to that proposed recently by Abutatzra as a solution to problems that face the non-Orthodox movements if the Law of Return is amended to require Halachic conversion to Judaism.

"Discussions among leading rabbis in the three movements began in 1953 and continued for a year. We had even drawn up documents. But then, 12 ultra-Orthodox yeshiva heads issued a denunciation of the plan, and the modern Orthodox rabbis dropped it," he recalled.

The three movements cooperated for over 25 years, starting during World War II, when U.S. military chaplains of the three movements sat on a board that ruled on practical Halachic questions. As far back as 1917, the three movements produced a joint prayer book.

Keilman stated that he favours such a tribunal as long as any Conservative or Reform rabbi who observes Halacha and has been ruled competent is allowed to serve. The court, he said, would approve conversions performed by rabbis who met its standards. The conversions would be internationally recognized.

The Conservative rabbi lamented that the mutual respect that existed among the three movements has decreased over the last few decades, partly because the "modern Orthodox have been scared off by the more extreme religious elements who immigrated to the U.S. after World War II from Hungary and Lithuania."

'Stretching' short children in Haifa

HAIFA (JTA). — Children will be treated with a new medicine designed to increase their height in a unique experimental project currently being carried out at Rambam Hospital here.

The medicine has already been tested on rats, with outstanding results, and on the basis of these earlier experiments, it has been decided to administer the growth-inducing medicine to selected below-average-height children. Their parents' permission will be required.

The head of the hospital's pediatrics department, Dr. Avraham Benderly, who has received a research grant from the Teicher family, stressed that the experiment — which has never before been performed on humans — is still in its initial stages, and will only be able to be evaluated in about a year's time. He said the medicine will stimulate the growth hormone in the children treated, and that they would be under constant observation for the

duration of the experiment. Medical circles view the experiment as breaking completely new ground in the treatment of short children, employing techniques until now not used elsewhere in the world.

Buyers arriving for Fashion Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Foreign fashion buyers began checking in yesterday at the Sharon Hotel here, where the 1978 Summer Fashion Week opens tonight with a fashion show in the presence of Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Yigal Hurvitz.

Buyers are expected to continue arriving through Thursday. Some 93 local manufacturers are exhibiting in the show. A special fashion week supplement appears with today's edition.



Authors Irving Howe ("World of Our Fathers"), second from left, and Elie Wiesel, second from right, on Friday visited the Jerusalem home of Shimon Mizrachi (left), which was wrecked by religious extremists last week. The two authors, who are staying at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, requested the visit. They were accompanied by Deputy Mayor Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz. Wiesel expressed his shock at the incident. (Weiss)

Labour's Korn seen on the way out

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Veteran Labour Zionist world movement secretary Yitzhak Korn is due to be replaced, both in that post and as chairman of the Labour executive of the World Jewish Congress.

Korn, who has headed the Labour Zionist organization for over two decades, has lately come under increasing attack for having allowed it to fall into decline. There have not been elections to this group for years. Candidates for the post include Esther Herlitz, Labour MK Micha Barish and Uri Gordon.

Korn held the WJC Israel executive chairman's post by virtue of his links with the former Labour government. It is now argued, especially among the Likud parties, that a Likud figure should replace Korn in time for the forthcoming WJC world conference in Washington.

It is understood that the Liberals' S.Z. Abramov and Ben-Zion Keshet of Herut are among the candidates to replace Korn in the WJC post.

Lebanese guests get Jerusalem welcome

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eleven youths from South Lebanon will spend this week in Jerusalem as guests of the public committee for assistance to Lebanon.

Dulzin gets some Labour support to head Agency

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The prospects of Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin — who is a Likud-Liberal MK — becoming the next chairman of the Agency have improved with possible Labour Party support for him to succeed outgoing incumbent Yosef Almogi.

MK Yitzhak Navon is still hesitant about standing as Labour's candidate, and a number of leading Labour politicians are speaking openly of reaching an agreement with Dulzin.

Dulzin's World Union of General Zionists will enjoy the backing of Herut-Hatzoar and World Mizrahi for the chairmanship. A problem for them is the stand of the World Confederation of General Zionists, whose leader, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, vigorously campaigned against Dulzin last time. However, it is pointed out by the World Union that the World Confederation's pro-Almogi argument that the agency chairman must come from the party in power now, scores their own candidate's case.

Labour's delegation to the Zionist congress in Brussels will be smaller, reflecting its electoral decline. Its places will be taken by the Democratic Movement for

Change, led by Yigael Yadin, who met Dulzin and his fellow Liberal Party leader, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, over the weekend. Dulzin said the World Union will offer the DMC a place on the Agency executive.

The DMC will have 28 congress delegates, seven short for factional representation on the executive. However, the World Union will make up the differences out of its surplus, it was promised. Yadin did not commit himself, saying only that he would convey the offer to his movement.

The Liberals are anxious to coax the DMC into entering the coalition in order to gain like-minded allies in policy-making, and also to balance their Herut partners.

Ehrlich and Dulzin apparently tried to sound out Yadin on his party's intentions during their weekend meeting, it was learned.

The Liberals are worried by reports of talks between Herut and La'am over a possible alignment, which would make it the dominant faction in the Likud, and thus wipe out the supposed parity between the Liberals and Herut which stemmed from their Gahal partnership days. There have been complaints from the very start among Liberals at the number of Cabinet posts handed out to La'am (Industry, Commerce and Tourism; and Health, plus a deputy minister). The Liberals claim that La'am's numbers do not warrant such Cabinet representation.

Arkia's BAC jet to start Sharm run

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arkia's new twin-jet, the BAC-111, will be put on the Tel Aviv-Eilat-Sharm-e-Sheikh run at the end of this month; it will also probably fly charter flights for El Al to Europe, Peretz Paz, Arkia director said yesterday.

The charter flights to Europe will be from Ben-Gurion Airport to Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Vienna, Zurich and Munich. From these cities flights will also be arranged to and from Eilat for foreign vacationers.

Arkia has ordered another BAC plane which should be delivered in about a year. Each of these planes can carry 119 passengers. A third plane may be ordered next year if the present demand continues. At present the company has an 80 per cent occupancy rate on its island flights — including July and August, when temperatures at Eilat and Sharm-e-Sheikh are very high.

The aircraft, which are five to seven years old, cost \$2m. each. At present, Arkia has six Viscount turbo-props, each seating 84 persons, and two 50-seat Herald turbo-props.

No school-book shortage

All text books will be available in sufficient quantities in time for the coming school year, and those in short supply will be reprinted immediately, Shachma Ahiasaf, chairman of the Publishers' Association, informed the Education Ministry yesterday.

The ministry spokesman said Ahiasaf had telephoned director-general Eliezer Shmueli and told him that there was no basis to reports that publishers were deliberately holding back supplies. He said that recent shortages in some areas were only temporary, and were caused by the sudden panic buying of certain texts by some parents.

Israel awards mysterious medal to Canadian electronics expert

TORONTO (JTA). — A 63-year-old inventor and mechanic, Sidney Hurwich of Toronto, has been given a medal by the State of Israel, though neither he nor Israeli representatives will divulge for what reason.

The self-taught electronics expert, who still does repairs at home, believes that a device that he invented scrambled Idi Amin's radar and allowed Israeli aircraft to land undetected during the Entebbe rescue mission — which may explain the reason for the medal.

Hurwich, a widower, father of two and grandfather of four, described his device not as an invention but simply "a different use for one of the

oldest basic principles of electronics — and it stops bombs from going off."

It started out in 1968 as a device, apparently electro-magnetic, to help banks prevent thefts from their night deposit boxes.

The following year Hurwich presented his device to Israel because he had found it could save lives by stopping the timing mechanism on bombs, and had other military uses. Recently, Hurwich confirmed his device had been used at Entebbe.

Hurwich, who has had open heart surgery, has not been to Israel because his health does not permit lengthy travel.

Jerusalem's school population tapers off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The rapid growth of Jerusalem's school population since the city's reunification will taper off somewhat in the school year opening next month.

There will be 1,000 more pupils in the coming year, bringing the total to 81,270. Last year the growth was 2,000.

At a press conference yesterday, municipal officials said the pace of school building in recent years has caught up with the increase in students. Mayor Reuven Rivlin said all temporary buildings used as classrooms will be phased out in the next two or three years. Six new schools, eight new wings and 20 new kindergartens will open this year.

Kollek said integration between privileged and under-privileged pupils will continue to be expanded in the schools and in extra-curricular activity. Even though physical integration did not translate into social integration, he said, it did lead to greater scholastic achievement among the under-privileged youth. In addition, he said, absence of integration would not be tolerated by parents in under-privileged neighbourhoods.

Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish said a five-year plan for East Jerusalem's educational system is now being drawn up. There will be 14,300 Arab pupils in state schools in East Jerusalem in the coming year, 300 more than last year. In addition, some 8,000-10,000 East Jerusalem youngsters study in church or private schools.

Kollek said that stress would be placed on landscaping around schools in the coming year. The municipality would carry out the plantings, but the schools — including pupils and parents — would be responsible for maintenance. In addition, first graders would be taken on walks around their neighbourhoods by teachers and sanitation officials, who would attempt to inculcate in them an awareness of the environment and the importance of keeping the neighbourhood clean.

Meanwhile, the parents association in the religious Noam School announced yesterday that the 750 children in the school would not attend classes until suitable space is found for the 12 classes of boys which are separate from the girls' classes. The association accused the Education Ministry of trying to oblige Noam to integrate with the Spitzer School.

Ulrike Tauber betters own swim record

JONKOPING, Sweden (UPI). — East German Ulrike Tauber on Saturday bettered her own five-week-old world record by clocking 2 minutes, 15.95 seconds in the women's 200-metre individual medley final at the 14th European Swimming Championships.

Survey finds Israel Arabs fall short of aspirations

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israeli Arabs are open to change, but a wide gap still exists between their values and ambitions on the one hand, and their actual life style on the other — according to a survey — the first of its kind — conducted recently by Haifa University.

This was another of the results of the survey, released last week, which showed a disturbing divergence of views between Jews and Arabs in Israel on political aspirations.

The survey showed that 68 per cent of those asked, support family planning, while in fact only 38 per cent claim their children had been planned. A comparison group among Jews showed 55 per cent in favour of family planning, with 80 per cent claiming their families had in fact been planned.

Another example of the gap between aspirations and actual practices was the response of young couples to a question on living with parents — while 60 per cent of the Arabs said they wished to live separately, only 27 per cent said they had their own homes. Among the Jewish group, 32 per cent preferred living apart from parents, and 68 per cent did achieve this.

Questioned on their choice in educational goals, six per cent of the Arabs said they felt the aim should be to educate Arabs to live as a loyal minority in a Jewish state; 53 per cent said the aim should be to educate for love of a common homeland for all its citizens, Jews and Arabs; and 41 per cent felt Arab education should teach Arabs to be good Palestinians.

Among various minority groups, the distribution varied: 49 per cent

among the Moslems and Christian Arabs were for the Palestinian educational aim, while among the Druse and Beduin only 20 per cent favoured this choice.

Among the comparison group of Jews the choices were: 37 per cent for the loyal minority in a Jewish state; 63 per cent for a common homeland approach; and none for the Palestinian aim.

In general, there were great variations among groups of the surveyed populations, depending on religion, age, educational level, place of residence and so on, according to the survey. But the one area in which a dichotomy of opinion was most apparent between the Arabs and Jews was on the question of a Palestinian state. Here, 75 per cent of the Arabs fully favoured a Palestinian state beside Israel, while only seven per cent of the Jews favoured this. On the other hand, 92 per cent of

the Jewish group favoured the existing borders with slight changes, while only 13 per cent of the Arabs were for this; 69 per cent of the Arabs, opposed to none of the Jews, favoured the 1947 partition plan borders.

The survey, financed by the Ford Foundation, questioned 722 Arabs aged 16 and above, throughout the country. These included men and women, young and old, Moslems, Druse and Beduin, city dwellers and farmers, from various regions. The Jewish sample was of 145 persons, from two locations. The full findings of the survey will be published in the course of the year, but on the basis of the initial findings, say the surveyors, it seems the differences between the two groups pose difficult obstacles to peaceful co-existence.

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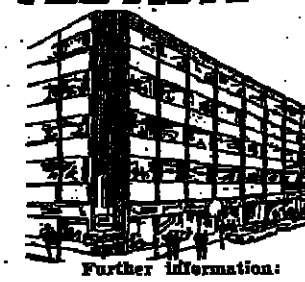
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16 blacks massacred on Rhodesian farm

ODZANI RIVER JUNCTION, Rhodesia (UPI). — At least 16 black men, women and children having a beer-drinking session on a white-owned farm were shot and burned to death by black terrorists on Saturday in what a security official yesterday called an attempt to frighten black workers off white estates.

Police detective Peter Kok told correspondents brought by Rhodesian military transport to this eastern Rhodesian farm near Mosambique that 15 others were wounded and that some may die.

In the shade of a tree, surrounded by pots, pans and half-eaten food, lay the bodies of the massacre victims. Some, like one pregnant woman, were riddled with bullet holes; others, including children, were almost completely charred.

Three kilometres away, in the harsh bush beyond this farm, troops discovered 12 hours after the attack an eight-year-old girl who had dragged herself away with a bullet wound in the leg. She was hospitalized.

Kok said two separate gangs of terrorists mounted the attack, with one hurling grenades and firing at the house of estate owner Marcus Sleigh while the other raided the labourers' compound about one km away.

On reaching the compound, the terrorist group, numbering between "10 and 20 men," split up and swept

through the area, said Kok quoting survivors.

The terrorists dragged families out of brick huts and set fire to the thatched roofs, Kok said, pointing to charred bodies. One man, who was burned beyond recognition, was said by Kok to have been shot before burning thatched roof on him. "Fortunately a lot of the workers escaped into the cotton fields and the bush." But those who failed to get away "were herded together and shot at point blank range," Kok said.

He said the apparent motive was to frighten black workers off white estates. Blacks on other farms in the area had been intimidated into fleeing, creating a labour shortage, but relations between the Odzani farm's workers and Sleigh were "exceptionally good."

Sleigh said his workers, some of whom had been with him 15 years, numbered 35 plus wives and children. He had been in the process of erecting a security fence around the workers' compound at the farm, located 27 km north of the city of Umtali.

It was the first attack of its kind since terrorists last December mowed down 27 black workers in front of their wives and children at a British-owned tea estate in eastern Rhodesia. Survivors said the workers had been warned to quit the estate.

Moderate blacks trying for unity in Rhodesia

SALISBURY (AP). — A major move to bring moderate black leaders into a new unified political movement in Rhodesia is underway.

Negotiations centre on the Rev. Ndabingi Sithole, a Methodist and one-time leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) guerrilla organization; tribal leaders; and dissidents from Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council (UANC).

The dissidents include Muzorewa's vice-president Elliott Gebellah, who announced yesterday he has quit the UANC.

The moves come at a time when white Prime Minister Ian Smith is planning that after the August 31 general election he will negotiate an internal settlement with blacks outside the ranks of the Patriotic Front guerrilla movement, if the current Anglo-American settlement initiatives fail.

Smith is maintaining during his election campaign that he sees little chance of the Anglo-American plan succeeding. He says he will not bargain with Communist-backed guerrillas, and has said he intends to form a broad-based multi-racial government to guide the war-torn

country to majority rule.

Gebellah, the fifth member of the UANC to resign in the past month, said the organization has failed to unite Rhodesia's 6.2 million blacks.

Reliable sources said Gebellah and the other defectors plan to join within the week the separate ANC which Sithole set up after his July 10 return to Rhodesia following two years in exile.

Sithole, in an interview with "The Sunday Mail," confirmed that the unity moves involve, among others, Gebellah and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, Rhodesia's top tribal leader, who is described by militant nationalists as a government stooge.

Sithole is quoted as saying that there are encouraging results for initial soundings of black politicians and "others."

"The Daily Mail" reported that the proposed unified body could also attract business and professional men as well as other blacks outside the guerrilla movements.

Unita takes Angolan town

RUNDU, South West Africa (UPI). — Guerrillas opposed to the Marxist MPLA government of Agostinho Neto in Angola, on Saturday attacked and captured the southern Angola town of Calai, a witness said.

Japie Jacobs, secretary to the chief minister of Kavango in South West Africa (Namibia) across the border, said the guerrillas had fought a "hard battle" for the town. He said the attackers, reported from other sources to be from the pro-western National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (Unita), had used machineguns, mortars and cannons in their attack, which lasted six

hours.

But another witness said: "We really don't know where the government MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) forces were this morning, but we could see Unita virtually walking through Calai without meeting the least resistance."

Officials in Kavango, the tribal homeland on the south side of the Kavango river that contains Rundu, said no refugees crossed the river from Angola after the fighting.

Calai is the third large Angolan town captured lately by Unita guerrillas.

S. Africa dismisses N-bomb reports

PRETORIA (UPI). — South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha yesterday dismissed reports that South Africa was on the verge of testing a nuclear bomb as "wholly and totally unfounded."

Botha said "it has been alleged for

years now that South Africa is designing and developing terrible weapons from deadly poisonous gases to nuclear weapons." He said the U.S. Ambassador to South Africa was informed the rumours were not true. Botha suggested the rumours had been spread by the Soviet Union.



VISITOR. — Giant killer whale breaking through Antarctic ice near group of penguins. The whales often execute the manoeuvre in order to dump the birds, on which they dine; the fate of those in the picture was not reported. (AP radiophoto)

Mafia-hunter assassinated in Sicilian resort town

PALERMO, Sicily. — A leading Mafia investigator was shot to death at a nearby mountain resort on Saturday in what police described as vengeance of the Sicilian underworld against a man who had sent hundreds of Mafia suspects to jail. A friend in his company was also killed.

Police said Col. Giuseppe Russo, who headed the investigating squad of the national police corps in Palermo until six months ago, was killed together with a friend, a teacher, as they walked in a village in the mountains of Corleone, inland from Palermo. Police said two men shot at them and then fled in a car.

The car was found later abandoned and burned. Police immediately launched a manhunt on orders to check all Mafia suspects.

Russo, 48, had headed the Palermo investigative squad since 1969. He conducted investigations into the 1971 murder of Palermo's chief attorney Pietro Scaglione and into the disappearance of Mauro de Mauro, a

newman who had specialized in Mafia inquiries. Russo had had a leading role in writing a report that sent 114 Mafia suspects to jail as members of the newest Mafia generation.

He had asked to retire, planning to take up a new job with an industrial company.

The Saturday shootings bore all the hallmarks of professionals. Police say an eyewitness, whom they refused to name, told them he had seen a car with four men circling the square in which Russo and Costa were strolling near their holiday villas.

Tall, mustachioed Russo bunched his shoulders against the breeze for a moment to light a cigarette — and a man got out of the car. He stepped up behind Russo and sent one bullet crashing into his skull.

Two other men opened up with sub-machineguns, riddling Russo and Costa as bystanders scattered. Then they drove off calmly. (AP UPI)

Cambodian gov't said reshuffled after uprising

BANGKOK (AP). — One of Thailand's top military leaders said on Friday a major shake-up has taken place among the leadership of neighbouring Cambodia and that the government crushed an attempted uprising earlier this year.

General Kriangsak Chavanond, deputy supreme commander of the Thai armed forces, said President Khieu Samphan was now "a puppet" in the government and Prime Minister Pol Pot has become chairman of the Cambodian Communist Party.

Kriangsak said the Cambodian government last February uncovered a budding uprising movement in several outlying provinces. The leaders and their families were arrested and executed, he said, and the administration was reorganized in the provinces.

He gave no source for his information, but the Thai army often obtains information from refugees, Cambodian insurgent groups operating out of Thailand and some communication interceptions.

Indonesian death toll may hit 100

JAKARTA (Reuters). — The death toll from last Friday's powerful earthquake and subsequent tidal waves could reach 100, Indonesian officials said yesterday.

They said that four more bodies have been discovered on the island of Sumbawa, bringing the known number of deaths to 35 and 100 missing.

The Indonesian government has rushed food and other supplies to the southeastern islands of Sumba and Sumbawa, the two worst hit areas. The national Antara News Agency said local authorities had set up free kitchens to feed hundreds of people left homeless and organized troops and villagers to look for more bodies.

Iran opposes 'Judaizing' Jerusalem

TEHRAN (UPI). — Iran said yesterday it sympathized with the Islamic nations' desire to "save Jerusalem from 'Israel's progressive Judaizing'."

An official statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published in the English-language newspaper "Kayhan" said Iran expressed "deep concern about the fact that the Israeli Government had failed to honour the numerous decisions and recommendations made by international organizations in this regard."

The statement said Iran opposed "the continued efforts of Israel and enemies of Islam to change historical characteristics, alter the demographic balance and Judaize Jerusalem — the second most revered and sanctified city in the Muslim world." (Mecca and Medina are Islam's holiest cities.)

Groucho Marx may have been cremated

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Groucho Marx, who died on Friday of pneumonia, had asked to be cremated, Nat Perrin, a close friend of the comedian said on Saturday.

A spokesman for Groucho Marx here would not say when Marx would be cremated, but Perrin said "it may have already taken place."

A memorial service for Groucho was held yesterday in the form of a small family gathering at the house of his son, Arthur.

Thai drug-king caught

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Police have arrested a man believed to be one of the biggest narcotics traffickers in Thailand, police said yesterday.

They said Su Wen Fu, arrested after a police raid at his house on Saturday, was one of 12 top drugs dealers named by U.S. congressman Lester Wolff, chairman of a committee on drug abuse, earlier this year.

From circus sideshow to search for legitimacy

By JONATHAN RANDAL

Washington Post News Service

PARIS. — Once upon a time there was a landlocked French colony in the very heart of Africa called Oubangui-Shari, which was best known to the outside world for supplying platter-tipped women to circus sideshows.

The French left in 1960, and in the blaze of African independence celebrations of that year the country declared itself the Central African Republic.

By then the French, in the name of civilization, had stamped out the habit of distorting women's features, so the country was not really known for anything at all.

But last December its ruler, a no-nonsense, much-decorated former French colonial army captain named Jean-Bedel Bokassa, 36, decided to declare himself emperor of his two million Central African subjects who live in a land larger than Spain and Portugal combined.

People in Africa and elsewhere suddenly took an interest in his potentially rich — uranium, diamonds, coffee, cotton — nation, which much to his annoyance is listed by the U.N. as one of the world's 25 poorest.

Swept aside were the awkward realities of unparalleled financial mismanagement — in part disguised by generous French Government aid amounting to a third of the country's \$94m. budget — and Bokassa's mercurial penchant for revolving-door governments.

In creating the empire, Bokassa was capping an extraordinary destiny of a man orphaned at six, educated by Catholic missionaries, an authentic French Army war hero who, since seizing power in a 1965 New Year's Eve coup, has accumulated honours, riches, fame and the love of women.

Although he bristles at the sugges-



Emperor Bokassa I

tion, there are those who insist the empire was created to give himself and his erratic rule a sense of legitimacy, continuity and respect that it and so many other African regimes lack.

Was it megalomania or a deep-seated sense of insecurity that led him — like so many of his African peers — to put his own features on the country's bank notes, build two statues to himself and attach his name to everything from an avenue and a sports stadium to a market, the fledgling university and army headquarters?

To be sure, he defers both to his "spiritual father," President Felix Houphouët-Boigny of the conservative Ivory Coast, and to his "younger brother," President Mobutu Sese Seko of neighbouring Zaïre.

But so taken is Bokassa with honours that he once had an extra-long coat designed to accommodate his many medals, which include one

from an international stamp collectors group and another from a French police officers' association.

As for his wealth, even those best disposed toward him — and the fear he inspires is sufficient to prevent critics from speaking up — concede that it is practically impossible to discern where the rickety state finances end and his impressive personal fortune begins.

His taste in women is eclectic. He is proud of his three wives, 30 legitimate children and considerable number of mistresses.

The two most prominent women in his life are Catherine, a Central African in her late 20s who is known as the Empress, and Gabrielle, a beautiful Rumanian blonde of similar years. Before the empire's creation, Catherine was entitled La Marechale and Gabrielle was La Presidente.

Despite his moodiness and penchant for the arbitrary, Bokassa's reputation as French-speaking Africa's equivalent of Ugandan President Idi Amin is undeserved. Bokassa's only known foray into gratuitous violence — if executing would-be assassins — can legitimately be excused — involved his decision in 1972 to beat prisoners in public as a warning against a rising rate of theft in Bangui.

At least three prisoners died — and many others were badly injured — in the 10-minute assault in which Bokassa, surrounded by his cabinet, urged policemen to light into the thieves with clubs and rifle butts. The victims later were left exposed for hours in the unforgiving Equatorial African sun.

Not only has he since eschewed such violence — although he still has his citizens arrested on the flimsiest of pretexts — but he has also proved to be remarkably forgiving. There are believed to be fewer than 20 political prisoners. Ministers who sin

Asians in Arab markets

ASEAN (The Association of Southeast Asian Nations), comprising Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines, earlier this month held the most important gathering of its government heads since the end of the Vietnam War a year and a half ago. The five leaders, who ended their summit with an unusual meeting with the prime ministers of Japan, Australia and New Zealand, were out to show that they were well on the road to achieve the economic and political cohesion envisaged when the organization was founded 10 years ago.

There has been a lot of talk about these aims, but the group is still faced with the need for increased investment and trade, and the danger from their Communist neighbours in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It cannot do much about the latter problem, but it is doing all it can to achieve substantial economic cooperation.

The five members still insist they are not a military alliance (before the Kuala Lumpur summit they rejected Indonesia's call for a military pact), and still say that the best method of defence is through economic, social and cultural stability in the region.

One fact which always irked Asian members is the high trade barriers hindering their sales to Europe and Japan, and this was brought out at the summit. More voices were raised about boosting intra-Asian trade and diverting exports from protection-minded countries to those ready to take in Asian goods.

An attempt by Japan, Australia and New Zealand to smooth over this disagreement came when their prime ministers made various offers for better trade terms, but the problem has yet to be solved. The fact of the eight leaders meeting there, however, certainly boosted ASEAN's self-assurance and pointed up its potential power.

IN SPITE of these encouraging signs, the point remains that Asian businessmen are only too keen on finding new markets — and there is no doubt that they have been closely following the fortunes of their European counterparts who are finding a share of the Arab oil bonanza.

The Asians have made some headway in emulating the Europeans and are beginning to gain an economic foothold in the oil-rich Arab countries. And the Asian members are realizing that they too, perhaps, may get some of the Arab business which has come the way of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and India in the past few years.

For example, only last month President Yen Chia-kan of the Republic of China (Taiwan), made a three-day state visit to Saudi Arabia. Motivation for this undoubtedly is the increasing cooperation between the two countries in the trade, economic and technical fields.

Taiwan, which has been politically isolated ever since it was forced to

yield its UN seat to Peking, since then has made large economic strides and has been quick to realize that it can reap profits from Saudi Arabia, from which it obtains 40 per cent of its fuel.

Trade between the two jumped from a paltry \$14m. in 1971 to \$52m. last year. Nationalist Chinese experts assist Saudi industrial and rural development through technical and agricultural teams, while Taiwan firms have undertaken construction projects in Saudi Arabia totalling over \$300m.

Taiwan's China Airlines operates two flights weekly between Taipei and Jeddah. Saudi Arabia for its part loaned Taiwan \$110m. on easy terms and the prospect is that trade between them will increase even more.

OTHER ASIANS who have come into the Arab trade picture are the South Koreans and Japanese. The Koreans have moved into the Middle East in a big way, with some 20,000 working in the Arab countries, especially in Saudi Arabia, in development and construction jobs.

Aided by loans from their government, the big Korean firms brought in a cheap labour force which is willing to live in poor conditions while working hard, and they now have a \$4b. slice of the Saudi five-year plan, which costs \$142b. South Korea, which itself has a \$10b. five-year plan, estimates that it will earn \$4b. by 1989 from its construction work abroad.

The Indians, too, are not far behind in the scramble for profits in Arab lands. Indian contracts are worth about \$1b., with Indian consortiums providing experts in building housing estates, hotels, airports, dams and canals, especially in the Gulf countries. More projects are being discussed between Indians and Arabs.

Before the Asian summit, another conference was held in Singapore, entitled "Asian and the Arab world," the main purpose of which was how Asian could increase its exports to the Arabs.


Discussions at this conference revealed that all five members are in deficit with the Middle East, and that Arab countries with money to spend want to import Asian labour and technical know-how as well as goods.

It must have been cause for satisfaction that the Saudi delegate to the Singapore meeting had this to tell them: "The Arabs are definitely looking east."

Humphrey recuperating

MINNEAPOLIS (AP). — U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey continued his rapid recovery yesterday from last week's surgery which disclosed terminal pelvic cancer, his doctor said.

On Thursday doctors found an inoperable malignant tumour. They plan to begin chemotherapy.



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Germany on defensive

THE CASE of former SS Colonel Herbert Kappler is fast becoming a test of the authenticity of new Germany's penitence over the abomination of Hitlerism.

Last week the smuggling of the convicted war-criminal from Rome's military hospital to a farm in the Soltau area of Germany came close to causing a serious rift between Bonn and Rome. Now the obvious disinclination, amounting to refusal, by the West German authorities to take any corrective action in the case threatens to place Bonn in the dock of democratic public opinion the world over.

Kappler's extradition to Italy may well be impossible under West Germany's constitution, as Bonn jurists insist.

But they themselves do not deny that, at least in theory, the man may be put on trial again for the crimes which earned him a life sentence in Italy: the massacre of 335 Italians in reprisal for the ambush of a group of German soldiers by partisans — not to speak of his transporting of thousands of Italian Jews to the death camps.

There is no evidence, however, that any such idea is in fact being entertained by West German law-enforcement agencies. Indeed there is no indication of any serious intention to prosecute those German citizens, among them Kappler's own wife, who engineered the escape from Rome.

After all, those body snatchers, most of them neo-Nazis according to reports, did in their own illicit way that which Bonn had been badgering Rome to do officially for a long while before: to allow that incurably ill, old man to go free after 30 years of incarceration.

There can be no doubt that the repeated German pleas on Kappler's behalf reflected a widespread national sentiment.

Large numbers of Germans — both the old folks who wish to wipe out the memory of the past, and young people who have never really learned it at all — are tired of being reminded of the unspeakable horrors visited by their country upon humanity so short a while ago. Whatever evils Germany may have perpetrated, they tend to believe, it has already paid for. And enough is enough.

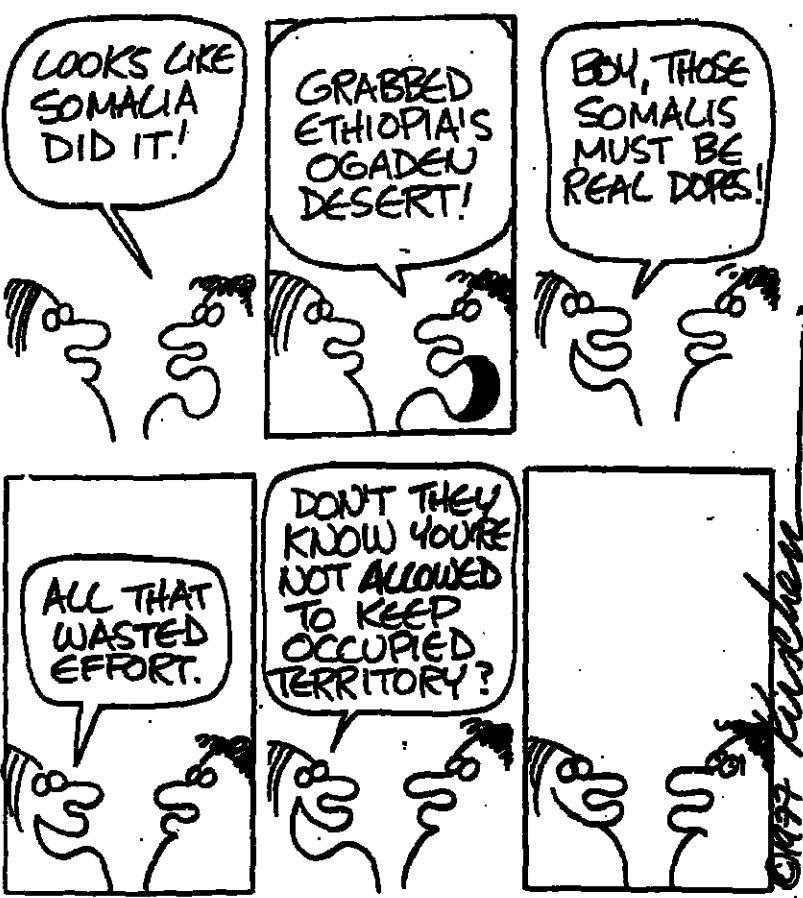
Worse yet, many of them cleave to the view that the German evils were not merely banal, in the unhappy phrase of one escapee from their horrors, but fairly ordinary. Thus according to Mrs. Kappler, in an interview with a German newspaper some months back, her husband "did no more than every soldier does in every war. Obeying orders," she added, "is always frightful."

This German woman, who claims to have saved some Jews from the crematoria during the war, did not begin to realize the frightfulness of the untruth she was saying. Yet she must have been speaking for millions of her countrymen; and it is that feeling which is the wellspring of resurgent Nazism in law-abiding, democratic Germany.

By sheer coincidence, Bonn's social-democratic government is at this very time on the defensive against charges by the party's own chairman, ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt, that it is not doing nearly enough to fight neo-Nazi activities throughout the country. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has vigorously contested the allegations, but has ordered a probe all the same.

The results will nowhere be watched with greater interest than in Israel.

Dry Bones



KNOW YOUR ENEMY

In fighting Israel's enemies in a country like Great Britain, the friends of the Jewish State would do better to take the offensive against Arab mis-

deeds than to try to engage in rebuttals, suggests British Labour MP GREVILLE JANNER.

IN BRITAIN, Israel's political enemies — from left to right — rejoiced at the election of Menachem Begin. This delight was nicely captured by a man who posed the following question to me at a public meeting: "While we applaud your efforts to keep the terrorist Amin out of our country, what is your attitude to a visit from the terrorist Begin?"

I quietly explained that the occurrences in the 1940s were unhappy history, while the killings in Uganda were current monstrosities; that whatever one's views on the philosophy of Mr. Begin and his party, they had been elected by the only democratic processes in the Middle East, and were entitled to be given the benefit of the political doubt by those who valued our friendship with Israel; and that — in a country which had learned to regret the death of Makarios and to value the life of Kenyatta — we would not doubt learn to treat Mr. Begin with courtesy, if and when he decided to visit us.

Still, British memories are long; the story of the two sergeants, hanging in the orchard, is still vivid in British minds; and everyone on Israel's side hopes that when Mr. Begin does visit us, he will kindly refuse to discuss the historical grievances and concentrate on the need for current peace.

In a word: now that he is in office, he will not deal with the media in Britain as he did when he visited us in Opposition.

MEANWHILE, Dr. David Owen — our admirable young Foreign Secretary — has fended off a series of vicious attacks on Israel. His attitude can be summed up in one sentence: Let us give Israel's elected representatives the chance

of showing in Government that they did not mean what they said in Opposition.

The tactic of Israel's enemies has been to concentrate on the "Sunday Times" torture allegations; while its friends have concentrated on attempting to change the British Government's approach to the boycott, which David Owen has so roundly condemned, not only when he was a Junior Minister but since his appointment.

Commons opinion tends to be encapsulated in so-called "Early Day Motions." These are written motions for debate on an early day — which never arrives. No. 398 reads: "This House views with deep concern the 'Sunday Times' detailed and carefully written research report on 19th June, of the tortures methodically carried out on Palestinians in prison in Israel and the occupied territories over a period of many years; and, in order that justice may be done, suggest a detailed investigation of these allegations to be carried out by a Committee of International Jurists."

The 80 odd signatories provide a roll call of Israel's foes plus some who are always prepared to deny Israel the benefit of any reasonable doubt plus a few fence sitters, feeling that this is an issue which may give public balance to an occasional pro-Israel utterance.

What reply should be given?

MY COLLEAGUE David Weitzman, the last surviving MP who served in the 1914-18 World War — had no doubts.

He "put on record" the rejection by the "Sunday Times" of the offer to check out every specific allegation; and condemned "the bad faith shown which is consistent with the newspaper's anti-Israel attitude

Let the Jew Return

Banishing Meyer Lansky five years ago did not stem Israel's indigenous organized crime.

Is it not time, then, to allow Lansky back, at least for a visit? argues DAVID LANDAU.

HOW IRONIC that it should have been Interior Minister Yosef Burg whose sad duty it was to inform the nation on television recently that "there is organized crime in Israel." For it was Dr. Burg who, only five years ago, took the tough but — as he said — necessary decision that would ostensibly prevent organized crime from taking a hold on our society: he banished U.S. visitor Meyer Lansky.

No assurances that Lansky's sole aim was to live here quietly in retirement, no legal arguments, no recall of past services rendered to the nascent Jewish state; no hinted offers of future contributions to the state or indeed to Burg's own party, could move the Minister from his determination: Meyer Lansky must go.

Though there was no question about his Jewishness, Lansky was deemed ineligible for Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return. He had "a criminal past likely to endanger the welfare of the state" — and was therefore a Jew to whom the Law of Return did not apply.

The fact that he had never been convicted for anything more heinous than gambling was no argument in his defense. On the contrary, as the State Attorney claimed on Dr.

Burg's behalf before the High Court, Lansky's "clean" record was itself evidence of just how nefariously powerful an underworld mobster he was.

BUT THIS is not the place to rehearse all the arguments adduced at and around Lansky's memorable High Court hearing — the doubts thrown on the authenticity of all the paperback literature surrounding the American Mafia, the fact that Lansky — even according to his paperback prosecutors — had long since ceased active involvement in underworld affairs.

The fact that the American authorities had originally had no objection to his leaving the U.S. the year before was also not admitted as an argument on his behalf.

Dr. Burg and his aides vehemently insisted that the fact that the FBI now wanted Lansky back to stand trial on a tax charge (which is not an extraditable offence) had had no connection with their decision to throw him out. There was no pressure from Washington, they maintained. Hence there was no succumbing to pressure.

So let it be. At any rate even Dr. Burg, a man with a wry and sophisticated sense of humor, must see the bitter irony, of the situation today: the then-head of the Federal machinery justice of U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell, who was so anxious to have Lansky face trial, now himself serving a jail term for various perverts of justice.

While Lansky, having stood trial and been acquitted, is at liberty, living in Miami, free to go anywhere, except to Israel.

FOR HERE is the rub. The 1972 eviction order against Lansky is still in force. If he arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport he could be sent back on the next plane.

He has said he intends to ask the Interior Ministry to lift the ban on him and allow him to visit Israel for a few weeks with his wife — and there are indications that he may be refused. Dr. Burg says he "doesn't know" how he would respond, and

speaks of the "hysterical atmosphere" created by the current revelations of the "Tel Aviv Mafia's" doings. Some of the Minister's politically-minded associates apparently feel that letting Lansky in might harm Burg as NRP leader.

According to Lansky's rabbi, Rabbi Dr. Shmaryahu Swirsky, Mrs. Lansky is suffering from a serious disease. "At the moment," he says, "she can still travel to Israel. But soon it may be too late."

Why do the Lanskys want to come here? Probably for the same indefinable reasons that prompt millions of other Jews to do so. Before explaining five years ago for what was to be that unforgettably pathetic odyssey through half a dozen South American republics (one after another they all turned him away; no doubt they, too, acted without prompting or prodding from Washington) Lansky told newsmen here: "I'll be back. I've bought two plots on the Mt. of Olives."

Dr. Burg, during whose party's stewardship over the Interior Ministry several individuals with blemished records were mysteriously able to obtain Israeli citizenship and live here honourably and undisturbed, has the heavy responsibility of deciding which Jews may not live in the Jewish state, and who is unqualified to "return" under the Law of Return.

IN LANSKY'S case he acted in what he defined as the interest of the public weal to turn the man out. Five years later the public weal seems to have gotten along very nicely without Lansky, producing a vibrant and thriving home-grown Mafia of our own.

Having himself admitted that an Israeli underworld has come into being without Lansky's assistance, it may be appropriate for the Interior Minister to consider reversing his previous decision against Lansky, who, whatever else he might be or might have been, is an ailing Jew of 76 — and allow him at least a brief visit to Israel.

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READERS' LETTERS

DO NOT DESTROY JEWISH UNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of July 22, Reuben E. Gross of New York attacks Abba Eban for acknowledging the pluralism of Judaism in our time. Mr. Gross would write off two thirds of the Jews of the United States because they are members of Conservative and Reform congregations and do not accept the halacha as "the Council of Sages" interprets it. He would read out of the people of Israel all of us who are devoted to the land, the people, and the faith of Israel, but who have found Orthodoxy utterly unpalatable and unable to relate to the real problems of living as Jews in the modern world.

Zionism grew out of the will to live of all our people. Zionism had to fight for survival against the obscurantist rabbis on the right, just as it had to

fight those liberals who had lost their hold on the realities of Jewish life. The people of Israel lives because Jews of all kinds — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, Yiddishists and Hebraists, secularists, socialists and communists — we all refused to die.

Surely the Government of Israel should devote its efforts to encouraging Jewish identity and growth and do nothing to destroy or even weaken the loyalty of any segment of this peculiar and stiff-necked people. To us who are Zionists, the attempt by the religious establishment in Israel to destroy the unity of all of the Jews of the world is anathema, and we will fight this attempt to win by politics what they cannot win by teaching and preaching and living.

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Mr. Begin's choices

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Is Ephraim Kishon really so naive as to believe that moral arguments, even if they temporarily make a good impression and are not officially refuted, are decisive in political decisions of the great powers, not to speak of our Arab neighbours? ("Instant wonder weapon" — August 4). What about power politics, East-West conflict and the ever increasing power of oil? I believe that Mr. Begin will have only two choices in the near future: A. To give in a great deal and thus contradict all he said so triumphantly after his election victory regarding Judea and Samaria. B. To stand by his views and thus bring us into a severe confrontation with the U.S. government and eventually into a complete isolation.

We have learnt the hard way that even a complete military victory (which, to say the least, is not assured without massive support) can never bring political victory and peace.

In my opinion, not to do everything humanly possible to avoid a military conflict by making far-reaching concessions in Judea and Samaria, even if it means taking risks for the future, is dangerously irresponsible. What then is left of the "great statesman," the "old story of moral over matters" and the many compliments Ephraim Kishon paid to Mr. Begin in his article? Statesmen are not judged by their overconfident speeches or their so-called popularity, but by success or failure.

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POSTSCRIPTS

THE ARMY OFFICER responsible for the evacuation of the villagers of Birk, during the War of Independence in October, 1948, says he had not told them that they would be allowed to return within a fortnight. Interviewed by The Jerusalem Post, Rav Seren (Res.) Yisrael Krasnanski said when the late mukhtar of the village had asked him when they could return, he had replied "when the security situation makes it possible."

Krasnanski added he "could not recall" that the villagers had welcomed the soldiers with bread and salt, but they had not fired on the force. They hoisted white flags on their roof-tops and stayed indoors. He had brought 15 trucks to the village and informed the inhabitants that they were to be evacuated, with their property, to Ramah village, where they were to put up in homes abandoned by Rama villagers, who had fled across the border. Several days later, more trucks had been put at their disposal for the transport of property left behind or forgotten. Krasnanski said the security situation near the border at the time had made the evacuation of the village imperative.

The transfer of the villagers had had to be postponed for a couple of days, because the gangs of Fawzi el Kaukji's "Liberation Army" had blown up a culvert on the highway, and a Yugoslav volunteer serving with Kaukji had mined the roads. The mines were removed by Israeli sappers.

A SUMMER VISITOR to Jerusalem decided to undertake a personal study of the underprivileged district of the Katamonim.

He has come to the conclusion that much of the blame for social conditions there must be laid on the architects who planned the buildings in such a way as to preclude any regional kind of social and cultural life. They also assumed, he thinks, that everyone should live as far as possible from his place of work.

That is all very well for the rich, he says. They have cars and don't mind the travelling an hour a day to spend their evenings in peaceful, garden-suburb surroundings. But an urban

housing estate like the Katamonim suffers the din of traffic from early morning until late at night. Jerusalemites in general have to go to the centre of the city for almost all their daily needs, whether material or spiritual.

He also discovered that not all Jerusalemites stay inside their homes once back from work. In the late summer afternoons in the San Martin quarter, dozens of people — old and young — can be seen sitting on the low stone walls, just doing nothing.

It has been the Mediterranean pattern for centuries to group houses round central piazzas which become the obvious arena for social activities. Nowadays, the focus of urban living is the youth club. Why, the visitor asked, did the urban planners of the Katamonim not think of that?

BEING HOSPITABLE is its own reward, but sometimes pleasant surprises come along as well. Last year, when 400 delegates of the UJA's Young Leadership mission came to Israel, local families were asked to host them on a one-to-one basis. One such family in Badera that did so hit it off so well that their American guests maintained contact with them through the mail for months afterward — and then suddenly sent them a cheque for \$2,000, insisting that the Israelis spend Passover with them in California. The Israelis did so, the friendship deepened, and now the Americans are back with them on their second visit here.

A PHOTOGRAPHER we know spent a particularly gruelling day on assignment for a large building contractor. After scrambling over scaffolding and structural skeletons to catch a huge boom crane in the proper silhouette all afternoon, she was pleased to be invited into the construction workers' shack for a cup of tea. When she expressed her pleasure at the surprise sprig of fresh mint in her tea, the Arab and Jewish workers told her they had grown it themselves. "Whenever we come to a new site," they explained, "the first thing we do is plant a garden."

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